

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1 1. (previously presented) A disk drive with improved shrouding, comprising:
 - 2 (a) a disk;
 - 3 (b) a spindle motor for rotating the disk;
 - 4 (c) an actuator arm;
 - 5 (d) a head coupled to a distal end of the actuator arm;
 - 6 (e) a rotary actuator for rotating the actuator arm about a pivot to actuate the head
 - 7 radially over the disk;
 - 8 (f) a base; and
 - 9 (g) a cover attached to the base to form a head disk assembly chamber, wherein the disk,
 - 10 head, actuator arm, and rotary actuator are enclosed within the head disk assembly
 - 11 chamber, the cover comprising:
 - 12 an inner surface and an outer surface; and
 - 13 a shroud extending axially from the inner surface into the head disk assembly
 - 14 chamber substantially enveloping the outer periphery of the disk, including at
 - 15 least part of the outer periphery coextensive with the actuator arm when the
 - 16 actuator arm is positioned adjacent to the outer periphery of the disk, to provide
 - 17 radial shrouding of the disk.
- 1 2. (original) The disk drive as recited in claim 1, wherein the shroud is a separate piece
- 2 adhered to the inner surface of the cover.
- 1 3. (original) The disk drive as recited in claim 1, wherein the cover is form molded and the
- 2 form molded cover comprises the shroud.

1 4. (canceled).

1 5. (canceled).

1 6. (canceled).

1 7. (canceled).

1 8. (canceled).

1 9. (new) A cover for attaching to a base of a disk drive to form a head disk assembly
2 chamber, the head disk assembly chamber comprising a disk, an actuator arm, a head
3 coupled to a distal end of the actuator arm, and a rotary actuator for rotating the actuator
4 arm about a pivot to actuate the head radially over the disk, the cover comprising:
5 (a) an inner surface and an outer surface; and
6 (b) a shroud extending axially from the inner surface for insertion into the head disk
7 assembly chamber so as to substantially envelope the outer periphery of the disk,
8 including at least part of the outer periphery coextensive with the actuator arm when
9 the actuator arm is positioned adjacent to the outer periphery of the disk, to provide
10 radial shrouding of the disk.

1 10. (new) The cover as recited in claim 9, wherein the shroud is a separate piece adhered to
2 the inner surface of the cover.

1 11. (new) The cover as recited in claim 9, wherein the cover is form molded and the form
2 molded cover comprises the shroud.